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VFW Joins Maryland Governor's Veteran

Roundtable: VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci and VFW Department of Maryland Commander Joe Cicchillo met with Maryland Governor Wes Moore and other members of the veterans' community for a roundtable discussion on key policy issues. Gallucci and Cicchillo are both residents of the state who offered the governor and his team insights regarding challenges facing Maryland veterans, such as accessing earned care and benefits. They also provided an update on the VFW's efforts to fight Claim Sharks at both the state and federal levels, and explained the VFW's "Honor the Contract" rallying cry, which calls on our nation's leaders to meet the contractual obligation of caring for those who served in uniform.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Military sexual trauma (MST) relates to sexual assault or harassment that occurred during military service. Although VA is spotlighting MST education and treatment this month, it works year-round to raise awareness of its resources to address this issue. Learn more and explore VA's [MST resources](#).



Get the Facts on Toxic Exposure Screenings: VA has conducted toxic exposure screenings for millions of veterans since the passage of the *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022* (Public Law 117-168). However, myths persist regarding the law's purpose and scope, such as only older veterans are eligible for screening. To rebut common misconceptions, VA provides myth-

or-fact clarification, as well as links to additional information resources. [Read more.](#)



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update and four identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II.

Update:

-- [World War II Navy Mess Attendant 3rd Class Neil D. Frye](#), North Carolina

Identifications:

-- [World War II Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Clarence E. Gibbs](#)

-- [World War II Marine Corps Cpl. John W. Ruark](#)

-- [World War II Army Cpl. James M. Walker](#)

-- [World War II Army Air Forces Cpl. Bruce H. Penny](#)

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